AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

establishing a first power policy associated with a system that places the system in a low-power state after a first pre-determined period of time;

receiving from a user an indication via a display unit that the user is no longer using the system; and

in response to the indication, establishing a second power policy associated with the system that places the system in the low-power state after a second pre-determined period of time, wherein the second pre-determined time is less than the first pre-determined time.

~~receiving from a user an affirmative indication via a peripheral device that the user is no longer using a system, wherein the system comprises a processing unit and the peripheral device; and~~

~~adjusting an original power policy of the processing unit in response to the received indication.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

continuing, after receiving the indication, to execute instructions to support one or more remote devices prior to establishing the second power policy.~~wherein the original power policy places the system in a low-power state after a pre-determined period of time associated with at least one of: (i) a keyboard key press, (ii) mouse activity, and (iii) a device access.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~2~~1, wherein the low-power state is associated with an advanced configuration and power interface low-power state.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the low-power state is associated with at least one of: (i) a global state, (ii) a device power state, (iii) a sleep state, (iv) a processor power state, and (v) a performance state.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~2~~1, wherein ~~said adjusting comprises reducing the pre-determined period of time~~the indication comprises turning off the display unit.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

saving the ~~original~~ first power policy.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~7~~1, further comprising:

receiving from a user via a display unit a second indication that the user is again using the system; and

establishing the first power policy associated with the system that places the system in the low- power state after the first pre-determined period of time.~~restoring the original power policy associated with the system in response to the second indication.~~

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the system includes a processor and comprises at least one of: (i) a desktop personal computer; (ii) a mobile system, (iii) a workstation, (iv) a server, (v) a set top box, and (vi) a game system.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of said receiving and said ~~adjusting~~ establishing is performed by at least one of: (i) a software application, (ii) a hardware device, (iii) an operating system, (iv) a driver, and (v) a basic input/output system.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~original~~ first power policy is configurable by the user.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~original~~ first power policy is associated with operating system power management.

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a processing unit;

an input to receive an ~~affirmative~~ indication from a user via a ~~peripheral device~~ display unit that the user is no longer using a system; and

a power policy adjustment unit to establish a first power policy associated with a system that places the system in a low- power state after a first pre-determined period of time, receive from a user an indication via a display unit that the user is no longer using the system, and in response to the indication, establish a second power policy associated with the system that places the system in the low-power state after a second pre-determined period of time, wherein the second pre-determined time is less than the first pre-determined time.~~adjust an original power policy of the processing unit in response to the received indication, wherein the adjusting comprises utilizing a second power policy in response to the receiving of the affirmative indication.~~

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15. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the indication comprises powering off the display unit. ~~the original power policy places the system in a low-power state after a pre-determined period of time associated with a user activity and said adjusting comprises reducing the pre-determined period of time.~~

16. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a storage medium having stored thereon instructions that when executed by a machine result in the following:

establishing a first power policy associated with a system that places the system in a low-power state after a first pre-determined period of time;

receiving from a user an indication via a display unit that the user is no longer using the system, wherein the indication comprises turning off the display unit; and

in response to the indication, establishing a second power policy associated with the system that places the system in the low-power state after a second pre-determined period of time, wherein the second pre-determined time is less than the first pre-determined time.

~~receiving from a user an affirmative indication via a peripheral device that the user is no longer using a system, wherein the system comprises a processing unit and the peripheral device; and~~

~~adjusting an original power policy of the processing unit in response to the received indication.~~

17. – 19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a user display unit control input to receive a request to turn off a display unit associated with the ~~computer~~ system; and

an apparatus, including:

a processing unit;

an input to receive an indication from a user via a display unit that the user is no longer using a system; and

a power policy adjustment unit to establish a first power policy associated with a system that places the system in a low- power state after a first pre-determined period of time, receive from a user an indication via a display unit that the user is no longer using the system, and in response to the indication, establish a second power policy associated with the system that places the system in the low-power state after a second pre-determined period of time, wherein the second pre-determined time is less than the first pre-determined time..

~~an input to receive an affirmative indication from a user via a peripheral device that the user is no longer using a system; and~~

~~a power policy adjustment unit to adjust an original power policy of the processing unit in response to the received indication, wherein the adjusting comprises utilizing a second power policy in response to the receiving of the affirmative indication.~~

21. (Currently Amended) The ~~computer~~ system of claim 20, wherein the indication comprises turning off the display unit.~~original power policy places the computer system in a low-power state after a pre-determined period of time associated with a user activity and said adjusting comprises reducing the pre-determined period of time~~.